THE FAITH COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 2009

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship	7:45 AM	8:45 AM	11:15 AM
Sunday School	10:00 AM		

Saturday Worship remains the same at 5:30 PM.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

ON OUR FOCUS AS A CONGREGATION:

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, I personally believe that all churches have the same mission: to *"make disciples of all nations."* Although we may be disappointed with the recent ELCA vote which seems to be out of step with the Genesis 2 vision of marriage, I pray that FCLC might stay focused on making disciples here. As we know, church denominations will come and go, but we confess that "we believe in the holy catholic church," which transcends any earthly denominations. Indeed, many of us believe that we are moving into a "post-denominational" future where congregations might either be fairly "independent" in their denominational associations, and/or they may have multiple associations within this "holy catholic" church.

ON OUR CORE VALUES…AND OUR HOSPITALITY:

Hopefully most visitors can spot our core values readily! "To be a church that is:

- Bible-centered
- Prayer-centered
- Worship-centered with an inspirational blend
- Kid-friendly
- Visitor-friendly
- A model of the Priesthood of Believers
- A model of first-fruits giving."

That's us, don't you think? Mostly…but you know what? Lately, I've had to confront the uncomfortable truth that as we grow, it may be harder for newer families to "break in" and feel at home than perhaps in the past when we were a smaller church. Please join me in reaching out to those who might be new in our midst: inviting them to Sunday school or to Bible study or the next fellowship event that you are aware of from the bulletin or to join your table for Wednesday suppers.

ON OUR PASTORAL CARE:

Also in our discipleship, I believe that there is a direct connection between pastoral care and worship attendance; and through the years whenever I've noticed a "plateau" in attendance, almost always that has meant that our pastoral care has been lacking. As much as I sometimes worry about "bugging" people with multiple phone messages, many times I've been thanked that the church

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"calls and cares." Since one of our core values is to model that we are the "Priesthood of all Believers," let's work together on this. Is there someone you haven't seen for a while? Give them a call or send them an email: "We've missed you…how are you doing?"

ON OUR NEW MEMBER ASSIMILATION:

Is it possible to grow too fast? Sometimes, and often for churches, that means losing new members out the "back door" while new people are coming in the "front door." Studies indicate that churches have about six weeks to get new members involved; after that it's much harder because they will have decided that they are not needed, or they'll slip into inactivity, or they'll simply slip away altogether. While some people are "self-starters" and they quickly jump into church activities, *most folks need encouragement and personal invitations to get involved*. While the challenge of this task usually falls primarily on church staff and council, truly it is best if we all work together to welcome and encourage the involvement of our new members. Thanks for your help in this vital ministry!

*One way that we can help our new members is by **wearing our nametags**.* We really haven't emphasized this much in recent years, but truly it would be helpful. How many times have you shared the peace with someone and wished you could remember their name? It's happened to all of us! As I always say when we pass the peace, "we encourage you to learn new names!" Wearing nametags would help all of us. If you have lost yours, please contact the office.

*In most churches I have visited, people do not offer their names during the **passing of the peace**.* Since we are "not your typical Lutheran church," let's be different in this regard also. Try to ALWAYS say the other person's name; for example:

- "The peace of the Lord, '*name*'"
- "God's peace, '*name*'"
- "Good morning, help me remember your name…"
- "You look familiar, have we met?"
- "I think we met a while back, help me remember your name...".

As with the old TV show "Cheers," let's be the church where "everyone knows our name!"

ON OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MINISTRY:

Wow! Brit says we have been averaging about 120 kids each of the past two Wednesdays. Thank you for entrusting your kids to us — it's an honor and a privilege to be a part of shaping and encouraging their faith. As you can imagine, it requires a "team effort" on our part; and if you can help in any way, please let us know. Although we have been blessed with an outstanding team of volunteers, we can always use more help with teaching, drama, singing, feeding, crafts, games, and "crowd" control!

Youth and families are all invited to join us for supper each Wednesday at 5:30 PM. Families are taking turns pairing up to provide the meals. This is a great fellowship opportunity. **Something new** this year is a five-minute opening in the Fellowship Hall where we all join together in prayer and song to start the evening. Come grow with us!

ON OUR CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM:

Spread the word! This is a neat service and it is a thrill to hear our young people sing and pray. We are blessed to have Elizabeth Pugh leading the music with our Leap of Faith worship team. Especially if you missed the weekend services or if you expect to miss the weekend worship services, come join us for **Wednesday worship!**

ON OUR FALL BUDGETING PROCESS:

Our church budget is probably somewhat similar to your family budget — we cannot always get everything we want! Nevertheless, we have been SO blessed! Once again we pray that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide us that we might be faithful to God's plan and purpose for our church.

Once again, we have the opportunity to make a faithful response to a God who has given us everything we have with our "Estimate of Giving" cards. We have been blessed with a number of "tithers" in our church — people who give at least 10% of their income to various charitable causes. If you are not there yet, one simple way to grow in your giving is by increasing it 1% (of your total annual income) each year. I invite you to have a plan for growing in your giving because over and over, I have observed that churches and individuals who simply give the "leftovers" of the income, usually do not have much "left over." We hope we are setting a good example as a congregation by "giving away" the first 20% of our offerings to various outreach ministries, and certainly we have found that in putting "others" first, God has been more than generous in providing for our needs as a congregation.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

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CHRISTIAN ILLUSIONISTS

Come see Christian Illsusionists David and Teesha Laflin on Friday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at Lifebridge Church. High-energy music, laughter, fun, and audience involvement combined with both large-scale illusions and astonishing sleight of hand make this an event you will not want to miss! David and Teesha use their skills as illusionists to capture the attention of the audience, then transition smoothly into a clear and powerful Gospel message — an event for the entire family. Cost: $7.00/ticket. Tickets may be purchased before and after the Sunday School hour at the Grocery Certificate cart in the Fellowship Hall or contact Nanette at nanette@fclc.org. *Sponsored by eight Longmont area churches, including Faith Community Lutheran.*

"BRING ON THE BOOKS" SERVICE PROJECT

Do you have some new or gently used children's books that are collecting dust? Help the 6th grade Confirmation class reach its goal of collecting 150 children's books by October 7th, to be delivered to Longmont HeadStart preschool. For some of these preschoolers, these will be the first books they have ever owned. (Please no Holiday or Christian themes.) The collection bin is outside Room 132, downstairs.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Begin filling your shoebox! **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** begins on October 11th! Become a part of this annual outreach tradition at Faith Community Lutheran Church. Fill a shoebox with small toys and personal hygiene items. Then return it to the church by November 15th. For more information, pick up a brochure after October 11th on the oasis bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs at church.

10,000 STEP-A-DAY WALKING CHALLENGE

Do you hear a constant clicking noise every time you take a step? No need to worry! No need to have your ears checked! You must be one of the over 50 FCLC members participating in the 10,000 Step-a-Day Walking Challenge! Check out the bulletin board across from the church office to see which teams are stepping it up! Drawing for final prizes for all who individually reach 600,000 steps will take place on Sunday, November 15th, at the Celebration Luncheon. Watch this space for more details!

MEAT AND POTATOES FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for five to ten families who would be interested in field-testing a new 20-minute-a-week, lively, and interactive Bible Basics family devotions curriculum. Families with children ages three and up would need to make a 20-minute-a-week commitment for two months. Interested? Contact nanette@fclc.org by October 4th to volunteer.

BONFILS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Bonfils Blood Drive on October 18th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

It may be someone you know — a family member, a friend, or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to three people. **For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact: Mary Konicek at marylarrykids@aol.com.**

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Have your blood pressure checked by a health professional! Blood pressure checks will be taking place on Sunday, October 25th, before and after the Sunday School hour in the Fireside Room.

VBS 2010

Mark your calendars NOW! VBS 2010 will be June 7th - 11th. FCLC will be the field-test site for Group Publishing's 2011 VBS curriculum. More details to come!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1st	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Children's Ministry Network Meeting (Longmont area DCEs meet - FCLC hosts)
October 4th	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Orientation to FCLC, Session 2 (Join at 11:15 AM service, luncheon follows)
October 18th	8:30AM - 12:30PM	Bonfils Blood Drive
November 13th	7:00 PM	David and Teesha Laflin, Christian Illusionists

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STEWARDSHIP

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FCLC Finances

(through 8/31/2009)

General Offerings:	$507,380
Budget:	$595,847
Expenses:	$490,413
Mortgage Balance:	$807,036

THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

Mark your calendar now to attend one of the sessions of the third quarter budget review that will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 18th after the 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM services. We will give you year-to-date financial information as well as 2009 year-end projections.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

The *Crown Financial* class has begun. If you were unable to participate this fall, we plan to offer it again in the spring. ALSO, the Stewardship Committee would like to know if you would be interested in taking the currently popular *Dave Ramsey* financial classes in the spring. **We want your opinion**, so let either Tom Kramer, Stewardship chair, or me know what you think.

JULY ENDOWMENT GRANTS

The Endowment Committee met in July and awarded the following grants:

- $3,000 to launch the ALPHA Program at FCLC. (This is a 10-week Bible study course that helps participants explore basics of the Christian faith and includes an off-site weekend study retreat.)
- $6,288 for Longmont Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a local couple.
- $5,000 to subsidize the cost to individuals for FCLC's new Counseling Ministry.
- $1,000 financial assistance to enable Lutheran evangelists from remote villages in Liberia to attend a semester of training at the Totota.
- $2,500 for the construction of three additional classrooms for the Marfeleh Academy school in Gbonyea, Liberia.
- TOTAL: $17,788

CONSECRATION WEEKEND IS COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Last year, the Stewardship Committee selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis. We are using this program again this year.

You probably remember from last year that *New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During worship on Consecration Weekend, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending worship on Consecration Weekend. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The

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MORE FAQS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING

Even more questions you may have about electronic giving:

Q. What if I change bank accounts?
A. Notify me and I will give you a new authorization form to complete.
Q. What if I try electronic giving and don't like it?
A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying me at any time.
Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?
A. Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church along with a voided check or savings account deposit slip.

OUTREACH NEWS

Habitat for Humanity

Apostle's Build: we're at it again! FCLC and several local churches are joining ranks to build a home in Longmont. Volunteers are needed to complete the project, which is scheduled to finish in November. We want to thank all the volunteers who came out on September 19th to help with the build and for those wonderful people who provided such a fantastic lunch for the volunteers!

The next build date is October 3rd. Please contact Mike Krantz at manthonyk@hotmail.com or 303-819-4985 for more details and to find out how you can help!

Crayons to calculators
School supplies for kids in need

Lora Lawrence, the Education Foundation Coordinator for the St. Vrain Valley School District, and the students of the St. Vrain Valley would like to thank Faith Community Lutheran Church for our participation in the Crayons to Calculators event.

Lora writes, "Thank you for helping with the Crayons to Calculators event during July and August! We are grateful to Faith Community Lutheran Church for participating as one of our Crayons to Calculators collection sites….The Crayons to Calculators program was such a huge success this year!…We were able to distribute **2,000** filled backpacks directly into the hands of children within the St. Vrain Valley."

If you have any questions about the program or how to get involved in next year's event, please contact Lora at 303-682-7321 or lawrence_lora@stvrain.k12.co.us.

Sky Ranch's Wish List

Sky Ranch is in desperate need of the following items. If you can help them out, please contact them at www.skyranchcolorado.org or 970-493-5258. Thanks!

- 50 count CD/DVD burner
- Wood chipper (to chip beetle-killed trees)
- Golf cart or "Gator"
- Maintenance building
- NRSV Bibles (25-50)
- 1, 2 & 3 in paint brushes
- Disc/Frisbee golf "holes"
- 3 commercial vacuums
- Replacement windows
- Ditch-digger/backhoe
- Laundry cart
- 50 V-shaped tent stakes
- Electric generator
- Internet system for remote location
- Commercial lawnmower
- Large area rugs for lodge
- White paper (20lb, letter)
- Wall-mounted lamps
- Heavy-duty garbage bags
- Binoculars
- 40-80 qt. storage boxes

CROP WALK

"This is the 62nd year of CROP events in the US. Some 2,000 communities across the country participate in CROP Hunger Walks each year, raising funds for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as for the international relief and development efforts of Church World Service and other global hunger-fighting agencies. Millions of people around the world walk for water, for food, to get to school, and to get to jobs—We Walk Because They Walk."

Enough for all — Crop Hunger Walk

Join FCLC and the 10,000-step walking challenge group in the Crop Walk in Boulder on Sunday, October 18th. The Walk is a 10k sponsored walk to help support hunger relief globally. Registration will begin at 1:15 PM and the Walk will begin at 2:00 PM. If you are interested in participating in the Crop Walk, please contact Gary Yost at garyyost@msn.com or 303-666-7307. For more information on Crop Walk, go to www.bouldercropwalk.org.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES

THE DENVER BRASS

LFS is now partnering with **The Denver Brass** which performs a variety of entertaining and fun concerts throughout the year including several at Bethany Lutheran Church. Check out their web site at www.Denverbrass.com. If you call to order concert tickets at 303-832-4676, mention LFS and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to help support our programs and services!

Lutheran Family Services Has Urgent Needs

During the month of August, LFS resettled over 100 refugees, a large majority of whom came from Burma and Bhutan and equal numbers are expected in the following months. With these large numbers we have run out of dishes, pots and pans, and twin and double size blankets and sheets. Furniture is also always needed. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Rita Harding at rita.harding@lfsco.org or 303-389-2336.

Kids Against Hunger

Feeding families around the world…and around the corner.

The Kids Against Hunger event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Longmont and FCLC is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. So far, the Kiwanis Club of Longmont, the Golden K Kiwanis Club, FCLC, and Grace Lutheran have donated more than $3,500 to package food for hungry children around the world! While we have more than 50 volunteers to work the assembly line, we ask for your prayers as we package up over 17,500 meals! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time or has provided funds for this special Outreach event!

FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS

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NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY
FCLC 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 30th Anniversary Photo Directory!!! Thank you, also, to those who helped with sign-in, set-up, and teardown for Life-Touch Photography! We are looking forward to seeing our finished product!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE DINNERS ARE BACK!

Please be sure to grab a friend and sign up to prepare a meal for our Confirmation and WNL classes!

SCRAPBOOKING AND MORE

You are invited to join the Scrapbooking and More Club. Please come whether you scrapbook or not! Feel free to bring another craft or hobby of your choice! Bring a snack, get creative, share ideas, and relax with friends!

We will be meeting on the Friday nights listed below at 6:00 PM in the Sunrise Room. We hope that the new Friday night schedule will be more accommodating to those who could not join us on Sunday afternoons. Contact: carrie.hostetter.cmc@gmail.com

We meet again on October 23rd and November 20th.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Hey Faith Community!!! Fellowship is looking for more ideas!! Do you like planning or lending a hand with social activities? What will get more individuals and families more involved? Please consider joining us in the Sunset Room on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Come find out what fun activities we are planning for the year and let your ideas be heard also!

WACKY

Hello WACKY types! (Without Any Children Kids or Youth)! It's almost that time again: fall! and potluck time! Our October potluck will be:

Friday, October 9th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

People with last names beginning with:

A-K please bring a salad or dessert
L-Z please bring a main dish

Please use the West doors to enter the church. See you there!

KIDS HOPE USA

LaRae Schaff
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Meet the Kids Hope USA team!! The following people have committed their time and talents to helping with KHUSA for the school year. Please pray for these people as they begin mentoring children at Sanborn Elementary this fall.

Mentor and Leadership Team: Karyn Reed

Leadership Team: Pat Sharp

Mentors:
Ed Broestl, Judy Conradson, Peggy Gaither, Marilyn Jackson, Jane Jurgensmeyer, Renee McDermid, Connie Rankin, LaRae Schaff, and Duane Sharp

Substitute Mentors:
Sherry Chaney, Arla Olson, and Jill WooChing

Prayer Partners:
Jill Brown, Gloria Borcher, Kathleen Chestnut, Allen Clauson, Jere Griffiths, Wanda Gwinn, Dan Hansen, Veta Hartman, Michael Schaff, and Ed Smith

September Puzzle Answers

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YOUTH AND FAMILY

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Hello Youth and Families at Faith. My heart has been very heavy coming into this fall with things going on across the U.S. and more importantly here with our very own students. It seems our workaholic mentality and just constantly filling our schedule with more and more is being replicated by our youth of today.

If you would give this a quick read before getting to the rest of the newsletter: Joshua 24:15, "*Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*"

If I made the statement of "running kids to soccer/hockey/football/tennis games all weekend" many of you would probably shout a big "I hear you"! These past few months of chatting with the students as school has started back has really concerned me in hearing the same thing again and again: "Brit, I'm exhausted…TIRED…TOO BUSY…STRESSED OUT with all that is going on." This worries me as statistics are showing a high increase in teenage depression brought on by "busyness." Our culture is all about being busy and "productive" to show our worth and importance. Jesus understood this even back in His day. Which is probably why he spoke a beautiful peaceful reminder to "c*ome unto me all you who are exhausted and tired, for I will give you rest.*" Matthew 11. He saw how mentally and physically exhausted the people of his day were and reminded them of the promise that God calls us to rest and love Him. (Not saying that we shouldn't work or be productive—just remember to find our rest throughout the day and week in God.)

Since I am not a parent myself, I pray for God to give us some ideas to help our youth and families "make spaces" and find time to breathe and rest in God. We do this through Wednesday Night Live, Sunday school, mission trips, retreats, conferences, weekend worship, Saturday Night Outs, and other social events in hopes that our youth take advantage of opportunities to find rest from their everyday life and grow in their relationship with God and with others. Something we have been seeing come up though is that our youth are even becoming too busy for this. With games, dances, extra curricular activities, and matches now being held on Sundays, we ask what day can we really find "rest" now as a family?

I don't have any answers or proof-positive ways of remedying this in a family. I just feel very burdened as I read what's going on in the lives of our youth and seeing just how drained our children are when they are here. To help us see on a time scale what might be happening, I did the following:

> Most students have to be at school for 7 to 8 hours a day, with 2 to 4 hours of homework each night. Factor in sports practice/extra curricular activities, and you got another 2-4 hours, equaling at least 11 to 16 hours each day! There are only 24 hours in each day, so when you factor in the recommended 8 hours of sleep you may be out of your daily limit of hours! Where is time spent with family? More importantly, is there time being made to spend with God? I know in my own busy life of working on my Masters and spending time with families, I even struggle to find time to remember that God wants me to sit with Him and hear what He has for me.

Another bit of data I want us to look at is sphere of influences on our youth and their upbringing. Most psychology stats on healthy/unhealthy influences used to break down the sphere of influences (influences of both positive and negative) into three groups that are pretty simple:

- Family: 60-70%
- Religiosity (meaning belief system): 20-25%,
- "Other" (being school, TV, friends, etc.): 10-20%.

Within the past 10 years these numbers have SADLY changed. Family still holds the largest influence base from 60-70%, religiosity and "other" have switched as the "other" category is quickly gaining more and more influence on the positive and negative forces in our youths' lives. It would seem more and more as parents and ministers, we need to protect ourselves and our youth from being sucked into the busyness the world tries to pull them into. Now these numbers don't speak of the amount of TIME being spent in these areas. If we look above at the amount of time students spend elsewhere outside of family and church, the "other" gets a lot more time than family and church put together.

We must be even more vigilant as the church and parents to make sure the influence and direction we are giving our youth is healthy and helpful in their mental, physical, and spiritual growth.

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Faith Community Youth and Family Ministry: Teaching Our Youth and Families to Grow in the Love of God

Calendar

To view the Faith Community Calendar for the most up to date events, please go visit our website at: www.fclc.org

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I'm not here to just give a math lesson, but to ask you as families, how can we, Faith Community as a whole, help reinforce God's love and desire for a personal relationship in every area of our family life not just on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night? One suggestion that Education and Youth & Family are working on is a parent newsletter to start going out to parents with helpful hints on talking to your kids about issues, Bible study ideas to do with your family, topical discussions, and calendar events for the family and helpful seminars for parents. If this is something you would like to sign up for and receive, please email us at either brit@fclc.org or nanette@fclc.org; and we will get your name on the email list.

Another idea which I am really excited about will be beginning this month. Starting October 11th, the High School ministry will begin Small Groups at night. Five to eight students will pair up with one to two adult leaders to do a Bible study and talk about what is going on in their lives. Through these groups, a close-knit, caring community can develop between our youth and leaders that will show the journey of the adult with the youth. We are starting this on Sunday nights because it seems that every other night of the week youth are just slammed with homework and sports. They aren't able to commit to coming to "one more thing". We have some amazing leaders who are coming on board and are excited to see God use them in this process as a Small Group leader. As a leader, they will get all the material the week before and will just have to show up to care about and love our students. Students show up with their Bibles and hopefully all the baggage of the week so that the leader and other youths can help each other sort through things going on. I am really excited about the possibilities of these groups bringing a new fresh breath to the youth ministry. For more information as a parent or if you want to get plugged in to serve in this ministry, please contact brit@fclc.org.

Also for your calendar: the S.n.S (Saturday Night Somewhere). Starting in November on a monthly basis we will be having Saturday night events at Rob and Dawn Baas' house for the High School students and Lee and Tanja Nelson's house for the Middle School students. This is a time for total hangout and fellowship. Students come together to just see how life is going, eat junk food, play some games, and take a breather from everything that's going on. Check the FCLC calendar for addresses and times. I am super excited about starting these up again with some new leaders!

God is doing some great things in this church and through our ministries. I hope and pray that no one is left behind or left out of what all God is doing and wanting to do in your life. Get connected and stay connected through the Grace of our Father. Amen! See you out there!

- Brit

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Please join us at our Long Range Vision Cottage Meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to gather congregational input to help plan for the next seven to ten years at Faith Community Lutheran Church.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Sunday	October 4th	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	October 7th	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Thursday	October 8th	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday	October 10th	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sunday	October 11th	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sanctuary

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHURCH OFFICE: SCHEDULE CHANGE AND DATABASE MAINTENANCE

In conjunction with creating our new Photo Directory, we have decided that this is the perfect opportunity to also update our church's database. When you come for your photo session, we will ask you to confirm personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, Time and Talent, etc. In order to continue our work on updating the database, the church office will be closed the first Monday of the month for the remainder of 2009. The dates are October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 303-776-8771 or office@fclc.org. Thanks!

WORSHIP AND DRAMA

Diane Sell
Director of Worship Teams & Drama
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We will be featuring a new opening hymn this month called **"We Will Worship Him."** I love this song, and it really sets the tone for our worship experience:

"Let us come together, let us join as one
As we turn our faces to the rising Son,
Let us go up to Zion, to God's holy hill
A mighty army that will worship Him.

We will worship Him, we will worship Him
Jesus, He's our King, we will worship Him
Let the oceans roar, let the heavens ring
To the glory of our God as we worship Him"

So many things can get in the way of our truly worshiping our God. My prayer is that as you sing this song, all the other "stuff" that consumes your "day-to-day" will melt away so that you may truly Worship our Lord and King! Let me know what you think of this song!

CHILDREN'S SERMON DRAMA 4TH WEEK IN OCTOBER!

Those who signed up to be a part of the "Drama Troop" will have their first opportunity to "deliver" on Sunday, October 25th! Diane Sell will be contacting you! It's not too late to get your name on the list for future dramas!

LEAP OF FAITH REHEARSALS

The band will rehearse the following nights:

October 1st, 8th,15th, and 29th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The LOF team will rehearse:

October 1st and 29th at 7:00 PM
October 18th and 25th at 6:30 PM

We will be getting ready for leading worship October 3rd and 4th and then learning new music like "This Is Your Time" and "Hands and Feet." It is never too late to start singing with this group! All 6th – 12th graders are welcome! Contact Diane Sell for more information!

LIL LEAP OF FAITH...

has been getting ready for their big debut in worship! You won't want to miss their song "Spin" at the 8:45 AM service, Sunday, October 11th! What a great little group they are! These kids meet on Wednesday nights at 6:15 PM in conjunction with the WNL program. Those kids grades 2nd - 5th grade who are interested in joining, please contact Diane Sell at diane@fclc.org.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...continued from page 2

The really good news is that we have a lot of youth and families counting on our faithful response. What each one of us does will make a difference here and beyond our walls. Since the first 20% of Faith Community's income goes to ministry beyond our walls, as we sometimes sing; "Let it be said of us…" that we saw the needs of our young people and neighbors, opened our hearts to them, and showed our love to others in our action of giving with great generosity.

Please take time to pray about your faith response. Acknowledging God as the owner of all that you have been given, I invite you to come, share your gifts, and make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

ON VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE:

As many of you have pointed out to me, we're running out of room once again! Sundays are packed — especially during the Sunday school hour and especially with the 11:15 AM Worship. The parking lot is packed. With about 120 kids in the building every Wednesday, WNL is packed. What a "happy" problem! It is humbling to know that God is "entrusting" us with more and more people.

So, I would anticipate that sometime this fall our council will be appointing a "Long Range Planning Team," and I look forward to our having some "cottage meetings" once again to seek your hopes and dreams for this church. Most of all, we seek your prayers for God's guidance. After all, it's not our church — it's God's Church and we want to be faithful in pursuing God's hope and dreams for our congregation.

It's an exciting time in our ministry!

Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Dan

ON THE FCLC LIBRARY SHELVES

JUST WAITING FOR YOU!

Do you do it **HIS** Way? Johnny Hart's B.C. comic strip made its debut in February 1958. When Johnny became a Christian in 1984, his new-found faith appeared in B.C. comics, showing up in light-hearted comedy as well as moving and thought-provoking content. Many of us treasured those religious-themed strips that frequently appeared in Hart's regular syndicated entries on the comic pages where religious themes seldom dared to trod. After Johnny died in 2007, his widow determined to meet the goal the two of them had long envisioned: a collection of all the B.C. religious comic strips. "**I Did It HIS Way**" is a well-designed book, comfortably sized for reading, and, with a minimum of lavish praise and editorial explanation, leaves the faith-filled messages all to Hart's cartoons. Johnny Hart fans will appreciate the job his family and friends have done! I keep spotting old favorites! It's now in the FCLC Library collection.

TAKE TIME TO BROWSE OTHER NEW BOOKS INCLUDING:

A Taste of Fame – the newest novel in Linda Evans Shepherd and Eva Marie Everson's series on the Potluck Clubs whose culinary adventures are set in "Summit View", Colorado. In this one, the ladies of the club find themselves in NYC participating in a reality cooking showdown!

The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children - Stormie Omartian reminds parents that it doesn't matter how ***young*** or ***old*** our grown children are, we can still take our concerns to the Lord and share fresh insight in stories from other parents and direction gleaned from her own experience.

The Joy Factor - In this small book, Jep Hostetler reminds us "that life is a gift, a sacred experience. It is usually difficult, definitely short, often funny, and always a spiritual journey," according to Tim Wiebe's foreword. Jep writes, "Life is a gift. Life is to be celebrated now, not next week or next month or next year." His book shares his unique approach to the importance of humor in health and faith.

And God Came In: The Extraordinary Story of Joy Davidman – Lyle W. Dorsett's biography of Davidman chronicles God's hand in the story of the enduring love of a very unlikely pair—C. S. Lewis: Oxford don, middle-aged bachelor, scholar, and popular theologian and Joy Davidman: a Jewish woman from the Bronx, somewhat brash ex-communist, divorcee, poet, and novelist.

Loving Our Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Helping People in Poverty - Beth Templeton offers practical advice to churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals who need seasoned guidance in making wise and compassionate decisions when approached for financial donations.

Called Out of Darkness: A Spiritual Confession - Anne Rice, author of *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* and *Road to Cana*, writes a memoir that traces the story of her spiritual transformation that produced a complete change in her literary goals and the intense conversion and consecration to Christ that lie behind her most recent novels.

TO SHARE "READ TO ME" TIME:

On a Road in Africa - Kim Donner shares, in a simple, illustrated picture book, the story of Chrysse Martin who has given thousands of wild animals a second chance by dedicating her life to saving many of Kenya's baby orphaned creatures.

Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai - Claire Novola in a simple, lovely picture book tells the story of Wangari Maathai, winner of the 2004 Novel Peace Prize and founder of the Green Belt Movement. A remarkable story of one woman's effort to change the fate of her land by teaching many to care for it.

Your Song: Another "Growing Field" Adventure - Mark Hoog tells the story of young Maxx, who in the magical Growing Field, learns that he has much in common with Skyler, a young eagle just learning to fly ... a discovery time of their own unique abilities.

SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR BOOKS YOU THINK FCLC MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO READ. QUESTIONS? Stop by the library on Sunday morning or contact Lois Ward at 303-774-1306; e-mail: lwgleamings@comcast.net.

CONSECRATION WEEKEND IS COMING - continued from page 4

procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if choosing not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During worship, our committee leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Weekend events through the Consecration Weekend team and council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Weekend worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Weekend events.

Faith Community Lutheran Stewardship Committee:

Tom Kramer (Stewardship Chair)
Ed Smith
Susan Moller
Bill Prout
Craig Chaney

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Servant Position		Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 7:45 AM	Sunday 8:45 AM	Sunday 11:15 AM
Greeters		Mike and Lisa Smith		Peggy McDonald Linda Kepler	Ewald and Kathe Schelert
Head Ushers		Mike and Lisa Smith	Ed and Ethel Owens	Paul and Natalie James	Gordy Wallace
Ushers		Mike and Lisa Smith	Andy May	The Krantz Men	Jeff Bladt and Mark Flowers
Lector		Lisa Smith	Bob and Sharon Kaiser	Diane Broestl	Jody McClurkin
Communion Preparation		Mike and Lisa Smith	Ed and Ethel Owens	Harvey and Marilyn Jackson	
Communion Assistants		Mike and Lisa Smith	Bob and Sharon Kaiser Harvey and Charlotte Nelson	Joel and Joan Schell Marvin and Joyce Heimbichner	Allen Clauson and Jeri Griffiths John and Nancy Benson
Communion Clean-Up					Jody McClurkin
Sound	Oct 3-4	Mike Rosenstein	Mike Rosenstein	Mike Rosenstein	Mike Rosenstein
	Oct 10-11	Lee Quaintance	Dave Sell	Dave Sell	Dave Sell
	Oct 17-18	Lee Quaintance	Jan Baas	Jan Baas	Jan Baas
	Oct 24-25	Steve Hansen	Doug Inskeep	Doug Inskeep	Doug Inskeep
Acolyte	Oct 3-4			Mari Sharpe	Elisabeth Phelan
	Oct 10-11			Michael Sell	Nick Olson
	Oct 17-18			Dakotal Lewis	Matt Bonds
	Oct 24-25			Connor Irey	Jeffrey Meier
Children's Church *Assistant*	Oct 3-4				Mary Konicek *David K and Zach Vece*
	Oct 10-11				Kathe Schelert *Elisabeth Phelan*
	Oct 17-18				Jill WooChing *Ben WooChing*
	Oct 24-25				Anne Hovick *Shauna Bladt*
Nursery	Oct 3-4			Pam Knipscheer	Rose Datte
	Oct 10-11			Laura Meyers	Stacie and Scott Francis
	Oct 17-18			Heather and Ben Gomez	Melanie Patterson
	Oct 24-25			Diane Emerson	Donna Smith
† Please note that the nursery is open during The Christian Education Hour					
Office Volunteer	Oct 3-4		Stacia Keller	Stacia Keller	Stacia Keller
	Oct 10-11		Janelle Olson	Janelle Olson	Janelle Olson
	Oct 17-18		Veta Hartman	Veta Hartman	Veta Hartman
	Oct 24-25		Joan Flowers	Joan Flowers	Joan Flowers

Birthdays of the Month

October 1
- Wanda Gwinn
- Daniel Hansen
- Margi Davis
- Amanda Held
- Kendra O'Brien
- Jenna Schemmel

October 2
- Rod Bowman
- Jesse Demmel
- Colton Goldfarb

October 3
- Elisabeth Phelan

October 4
- Glenn Uecker
- Diane Rozek
- Meghan Audley
- Kyle Goertz

October 5
- Mike Felton
- Blair Smallwood
- Heather Williams
- Sophia Carstens
- Christi Davis

October 6
- Hanorah Anderson
- Alice Turner

October 7
- Pat Galyardt
- Duane Sharp
- Pat Carson
- Daniel Stechman
- Hiedi Scruggs

October 8
- Amy Miller
- Peter Konicek

October 9
- Laurel Schemmel

October 10
- Teresa Stamp
- David Konicek

October 11
- Wayne Hubert
- Robert Boggess

October 12
- Kathryn Peters
- Nanette Goings
- Jordan Smith

October 13
- Bill Prout
- Perry Willson

October 14
- Jan Baas
- James Walder

October 15
- Janelle Olson
- Sandy Seale
- Matthew Carson

October 17
- Renee McDermid

October 18
- Andrea Johnson
- Sharon Vaughn
- Lexie Unger

October 19
- Karyn Reed
- Dan Griffee

October 20
- Kevin Kovets

October 21
- Carl Backes

October 23
- Bruce Welander

October 24
- Susan Moller
- Brett Riemenschneider

October 25
- Sue Ney

October 26
- Dawn Baas

October 27
- Mandy Wormke

October 28
- Joy Fitzgerald

October 30
- Neal Carver
- Kari Uecker

October 31
- Paul Storaci

October Wedding Anniversaries

October 3
- Jeff and Kimberly Bonds - 22 years
- Shawn and Joy Fitzgerald - 11 years

October 7
- Jan and Julie Baas - 37 years
- Zach and Shannon Myers - 3 years

October 8
- Steve and Diana Phelan - 21 years

October 10
- Benjamin and Suzanne Graff - 1 year

October 16
- Larry and Karen Odegard - 44 years

October 19
- Lindsay and Steven Spiegel - 7 years

October 22
- Curt and Debbie Schroeder - 26 years
- Brad and Lynn Wolfe - 15 years

October 24
- Jim and Kathi Jo Walder - 5 years

October 26
- Brian and Nancy Tway - 24 years

October 27
- Brad and Gena Steele - 30 years

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Catch the Spirit!

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"Go make disciples of all nations…" Matthew 28:19

Mission Verse

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Our Vision

In each of us burns a flame,
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.

Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a church that is:

- Bible-Centered
- Prayer-Centered
- Worship-Centered with blended styles of music
- Kid-Friendly
- Visitor-Friendly
- A Model of the Priesthood of Believers
- A Model of "First Fruits Giving"
  (to various outreach projects)